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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action dated December 28, 2006, please  
consider the following:

**Amendments to the claims** commencing on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** commencing on page 13 of this paper.